

# Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) - Update

Administrative Committee Meeting
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## Overview





- Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Background
- Comment Letter
- Comments Approach
- HCP Schedule

## Background



#### ▶ 1997 Habitat Management Plan (HMP)

- Allowed Army to transfer Fort Ord property
- Established Fort Ord Habitat Reserve System
- Did not authorize "Take" of special status species

#### ► HCP expected outcomes

- New Joint Powers Authority to manage annual expenditures and ensure HCP compliance
- Funding to manage habitat reserve system
- Federal and State Incidental Take Permits

### Comment Letter



- ▶ US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) July 29, 2016 letter included nine general comments
  - 1. Base any mitigation on Fort Ord National Monument (Monument) land to only be in addition to Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) normal activities
  - 2. Confirm durability of mitigation on Monument land with BLM
  - Require USFWS approval of any step-down plans implementing HCP requirements
  - Provide additional detail on alternatives
  - 5. Clarify if non-Federal Habitat Management Areas (HMA's) can be sold
  - 6. Form Cooperative before permit issuance
  - 7. Enact HCP implementing ordinances/policies before permit issuance
  - 8. Clarify how mitigation lands would be preserved in perpetuity
  - 9. Define restoration targets and responsible party for Monument lands

## Comments Approach



- No longer manage species that aren't state or federal listed, or those listed and not known to occur outside of the Monument
  - HCP species now include: Western Snowy Plover, Smith's Blue Butterfly, California Red-legged Frog, California Tiger Salamander, Sand Gilia, Seaside Bird's Beak, Monterey Spineflower, and Yadon's Piperia
- Define additional mitigation measures funded by Permittees to benefit HCP species within the Monument
  - Habitat restoration, weed abatement, transplantation/ propagation planning, and manage fire-adapted systems
- ▶ Revise HCP to only rely on Monument lands for mitigation when Permittees' additional mitigation measures provide a link for the reliance

## Schedule - HCP



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# Schedule - Approval Process



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## Questions



